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Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Have the Government come to any decision as regards the amount by the most economical route and that by the uneconomical route and tried to recover the excess money from the officer concerned ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Such a course was not considered necessary."

Education

Recommendations of the Physical Education Committee.

*166 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have passed any orders regarding the recommendations of the Physical Education Committee ?

A.—Orders will issue shortly.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if the orders have been issued ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir. The orders are now in the process of issue."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" If so, why should there be delay ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member must be aware that this matter concerns the Finance Department and I had to consult the Finance Department."

General

Appointment of M.L.Cs. to honorary posts in local bodies.

*167 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state how many of the members of the Council have been appointed by him to honorary posts in local self-governing bodies, educational bodies and temple committees since November 1928 ?

A.—Six members of the Legislative Council have been appointed since November 1928 to local self-governing bodies, eleven to educational bodies and six to temple committees.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know the names of these gentlemen ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Municipalities

Recommendation of tenders by the Electrical Inspector to Government.

*168 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, with reference to G.O. No. 2013, L. & M., dated 30th April 1929, whether the Government have defined the 'general reasons' for which the Electrical Inspector may not recommend a tender though he may certify it to be in order, and if so, to place them on the table of the House ?

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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether the Government Order which was passed in regard to certain alleged irregularities was passed on the report of the Electrical Inspector himself, whether the municipal councils were given time to explain the irregularities and whether the Government took any action on those irregularities before issuing this Government Order ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government Order was passed on a report from the Electrical Inspector to Government and the municipalities were also given an opportunity for explanation and the Government Order was issued after that. The Government did not think it necessary to take any action on the irregularities pointed out."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" In that case, may I know why all the municipalities should suffer for the sins committed by a few municipalities ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is getting into arguments."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I should like to know whether the Government are penalising all the municipalities for the sins of a few."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether any of the municipalities was consulted before the issue of this Government Order ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, they were asked for an explanation in regard to the letter issued by the Inspector."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the Ootacamund municipality protested against this Government Order, the municipality which is presided by my friend Mr. Davis ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the consulting fees of the Electrical Inspector to Government have been trebled lately by the Government by a Government Order ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is a matter in the hands of my hon. Friend, the Law Member."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether on that account the municipalities have been consulting private engineers or their own engineers ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of such a thing."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether the Guntur municipality has entered a similar protest ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, I am not sure which of the municipalities entered protests."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister whether it is his intention to make this Inspector all in all just like others ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member may be interested to hear that my hon. Colleague and myself are considering the revision of this order at present."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether several of the municipalities, Cocanada, Bezwada, Coonoor, Kurnool and others have gone in for non-British goods on the ground that the continental goods are cheaper and at the same time more efficient ? "

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not acquainted with all the things that my hon. Friend mentions."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is the hon. Minister aware that in England itself all the leading cities are going in for continental articles because they are cheaper ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of that."

List of approved firms for purchasing electrical machinery.

* 169 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have got a list of firms from whom only electrical machinery and plants should be purchased by local bodies ; and

(b) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay the same before the Council ?

A.—(a) & (b) There is no such list.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Are there any firms which can supply these things ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Orders given to non-British firms for electrical plants.

* 170 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of non-British firms that have received large orders for electrical plants from the municipalities in this presidency prior to April 1929 ;

(b) the amount of the order in each case together with the nationality of the firm ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Administration of endowments by Tanjore Rajas.

* 171 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 2004 answered on 27th March 1929 regarding the administration of endowments by Tanjore Rajas—

(a) whether the information called for has been received ; and

(b) whether the same will be placed on the table of this House ?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.[a]

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Sir, in the letter from the Tanjore District Board President we find that over Rs. 52,000 has been spent on education out of chatram funds and nearly Rs. 30,000 spent on hospitals. Have the Government obtained legal advice as to whether such diversion of funds from the intention of the original donors is legal ? "

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